

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend claims 1-21 by rewriting same to read as follows.

a¹ --1. (Amended) A portable terminal, comprising:

display means having a display screen;

input operation means for being operated by a user of said portable terminal to input an operation input;

storage means for storing information to be displayed on said display screen;

display control means for reading out information to display on the display screen from said storage means in response to the operation input from said input operation means and controlling said display means to make a display corresponding to the operation input on the display screen based on the read out information from said storage means;

loading/unloading detection means for detecting loading or unloading of an external storage medium into or from said portable terminal;

authentication means operable when loading of an external storage medium is detected by said loading/unloading detection means for authenticating the loaded external storage medium

based on authentication information read out from the loaded external storage medium;

readout means operable when an authentication by said authentication means results in success for reading out data stored in the loaded external storage medium; and

R write means for writing the data read out by said readout means into said storage means.

--2. (Amended) The portable terminal according to claim 1, wherein the data written by said write means into said storage means includes at least information of a displaying font corresponding to a used language and the loaded external storage medium has at least information of displaying fonts of a plurality of languages stored therein, said portable terminal further comprising

notification means operable when the authentication by said authentication means results in success for notifying the user of the plurality of languages with regard to which the information of displaying fonts is stored in the loaded external storage medium; and

selective input acceptance means for accepting a selective input of the user from among the plurality of languages of which

a the user is notified by said notification means, wherein said readout means reads out information of a displaying font of a language designated by the selective input accepted by said selective input acceptance means from the loaded external storage medium, and said write means writes the read out information of the displaying font into a storage area set in advance of said storage means.

--3. (Amended) The portable terminal according to claim 2, wherein said storage means has an essential language font storage area and a rewritable language font storage area prepared therein, and the information of the displaying font read out from the loaded external storage medium is written into the rewritable language font storage area.

--4. (Amended) The portable terminal according to claim 1, further comprising

warning means for issuing a warning when the authentication by said authentication means results in failure.

--5. (Amended) The portable terminal according to claim 1, further comprising

radio communication means; and

reporting means operable when the authentication by said authentication means results in failure successively by a number of times determined in advance for reporting the failure of the authentication to a reporting destination set in advance through said radio communication means.

/ --6. (Amended) The portable terminal according to claim 1, wherein said portable terminal is a portable communication terminal and further comprises

updating means operable when the authentication of the loaded external storage medium by said authentication means results in success for updating stored contents of the loaded external storage medium with updating information acquired over a communication circuit.

--7. (Amended) The portable terminal according to claim 2, wherein said portable terminal is a portable telephone terminal and further comprises

means for storing a telephone directory in which destination subscribers and telephone numbers are stored in a corresponding relationship and wherein said storage means further includes a telephone directory font storage area for

independently storing information of fonts for destination subscribers registered in the telephone directory, and said write means writes the information of the displaying font read out by said readout means into a storage area of said storage means set as an area other than the telephone directory font storage area.

--8. (Amended) The portable terminal according to claim 3, further comprising

means for storing a telephone directory in which destination subscribers and telephone numbers are stored in a corresponding relationship, and wherein said storage means further includes a telephone directory font storage area, and said write means writes only information of fonts stored in the rewritable language font storage area of said storage means within information of fonts of destination subscribers registered in the telephone directory into the telephone directory font storage area.

--9. (Amended) The portable terminal according to claim 7, further comprising

means for urging the user to select an unnecessary font when the telephone directory font storage area has no storage

capacity available; and

means for writing information of a font to be newly used into an area of the telephone directory font storage area for an unnecessary font designated with an unnecessary font selection instruction by the user.

a --10. (Amended) The portable terminal according to claim 8, further comprising

means for urging the user to select an unnecessary font when the telephone directory font storage area has no storage capacity available; and

means for writing information of a font to be newly used into an area of the telephone directory font storage area for an unnecessary font designated with an unnecessary font selection instruction by the user.

--11. (Amended) The portable terminal according to claim 1, wherein the external storage medium and said portable terminal have a one-by-one verification code, and said authentication means verifies the verification codes of said portable terminal and the loaded external storage medium.

--12. (Amended) A displaying information management

method for a portable terminal for managing stored information of a storage unit of the portable terminal such that information to display on a display screen is read out from the storage unit in response to operation input through an input operation unit and display is made on the display screen based on the read out information from the storage unit in response to the operation input, comprising:

a preparation step of preparing an external storage medium in which a plurality of pieces of information are stored as information to be displayed on the display screen;

an authentication step of authenticating, when loading of an external storage medium is detected by the portable terminal, the loaded external storage medium based on authentication information read out from the loaded external storage medium;

a readout step of reading out, when an authentication in said authentication step results in success, data stored in the loaded external storage medium; and

a write step of writing the data read out in said readout step into the storage unit.

--13. (Amended) The displaying information management method for a portable terminal according to claim 12, wherein the data written in said write step into the storage unit

includes at least information of a displaying font corresponding to a used language and the loaded external storage medium has at least information of displaying fonts of a plurality of languages stored therein, said displaying information management method further comprising

a notification step of notifying, when the authentication in said authentication step results in success, a user of the portable terminal of the plurality of languages with regard to which the information of displaying fonts is stored in the loaded external storage medium; and

a selective input acceptance step of accepting a selective input of the user from the plurality of languages of which the user is notified in said notification step, wherein in said readout step information of a displaying font of a language designated by selective input accepted in said selective input acceptance step is read out from the loaded external storage medium, and in the write step the read out information of the displaying font is written into a storage area set in advance of the storage unit.

--14. (Amended) The displaying information management method for a portable terminal according to claim 13, wherein the storage unit has an essential language font storage area and

a rewritable language font storage area prepared therein, and the information of the displaying font read out from the loaded external storage medium is written into the rewritable language font storage area.

--15. (Amended) The displaying information management method for a portable terminal according to claim 12, further comprising

a warning step of issuing a warning when the authentication in said authentication step results in failure.

--16. (Amended) The displaying information management method for a portable terminal according to claim 12, wherein the portable terminal further includes a radio communication unit, and said displaying information management method further comprises

a reporting step of reporting, when the authentication in said authentication step results in failure successively by a number of times determined in advance, the failure of the authentication to a reporting destination set in advance through the radio communication unit.

--17. (Amended) The displaying information management

method for a portable terminal according to claim 12, wherein the portable terminal is a portable communication terminal, and said displaying information management method further comprises an updating step of updating, when the authentication of the loaded external storage medium in said authentication step results in success, stored contents of the loaded external storage medium with updating information acquired over a communication circuit.

--18. (Amended) The displaying information management method for a portable terminal according to claim 13, wherein the portable terminal is a portable telephone terminal and further includes a telephone directory storage unit for storing a telephone directory in which destination subscribers and telephone numbers are stored in a corresponding relationship and wherein the telephone directory storage unit further includes a telephone directory font storage area for independently storing information of fonts for destination subscribers registered in the telephone directory, and in said write step the information of the displaying font read out in said readout step is written into a storage area of the telephone directory storage unit set as an area other than the telephone directory font storage area.

--19. (Amended) The displaying information management method for a portable terminal according to claim 14, wherein the portable terminal further includes a telephone directory storage unit for storing a telephone directory in which destination subscribers and telephone numbers are stored in a corresponding relationship and the telephone directory storage unit further includes a telephone directory font storage area, and in said write step only information of fonts stored in the rewritable language font storage area of the telephone directory storage unit within information of fonts of destination subscribers registered in the telephone directory is written into the telephone directory font storage area.

--20. (Amended) The displaying information management method for a portable terminal according to claim 18, further comprising

a step of urging the user to select an unnecessary font when the telephone directory font storage area has no storage capacity available; and

a step of writing information of a font to be newly used into an area of the telephone directory font storage area for an unnecessary font designated with an unnecessary font selection instruction by the user.